

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: Urban Design Committee

DATE, TIME AND

PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, September 7, 2005, 3:00 p.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 2nd Floor, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS AND OTHERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members: Mike Eckert, Dennis Scheer, Gordon Scholz and Scott Sullivan; (JoAnne Kissel, Third World Oforah and Kim Todd absent).

Others: Ken Hake; Brenda Bergman (Downtown Lincoln Association); Jeff Cole (Urban Development); Ed Zimmer and Michele Abendroth of the Planning Department.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Regular Urban Design Committee Meeting

Chair Scheer called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Approval of meeting notes of August 3, 2005

Eckert moved approval of the August 3, 2005 meeting notes, seconded by Scholz. Motion carried 4-0. Eckert, Scheer, Scholz and Sullivan voting 'yes'; Kissel, Oforah and Todd absent.

Sculpture proposal for S. 12th Street at O Street (DLA)

Jeff Cole stated that this project is the latest of a series of proposals for the 12th Street Arts Corridor. One of the areas identified as having a lot of potential was the block between O and N Streets, which is the festival block. This sculpture was the runner-up in the competition for the Haymarket sculpture.

Ken Hake presented a maquette of the sculpture. The sculpture is a bench standing on end. Hake stated that he agreed to sponsor the piece as a gift to the City. The sculptor is a young architectural student. He feels it is a fun piece and in the spirit of the 12th Streets Arts Corridor. It will have a more rustic feel and will not be the same as the other benches. It will be about 7 feet tall. The artist would like to have an antique look of hammered steel, but painted green to tie in with the current benches.

Sullivan expressed some concern with the durability of the piece and asked what kind of finish it will have. Bergman stated that it will have a powder coated finish.

Scheer stated that he feels it is a great location, but also agrees with Sullivan on the durability of the piece. He does not believe that the color has to match the other benches, but feels that is an artistic decision of the artist.

Zimmer stated that he would encourage a plaque with the artist's name and a statement from the artist to be placed by the sculpture.

Sullivan moved approval of the project, seconded by Eckert. Motion carried 4-0. Eckert, Scheer, Scholz and Sullivan voting 'yes'; Kissel, Oforah and Todd absent.

“Power of Red” Banners for Downtown (UNL)

Zimmer stated that several weeks ago, the Athletic Department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln contacted the Downtown Lincoln Association about placing “The Power of Red” banners in downtown. The policy is that the Urban Design Committee reviews all banners in downtown. They would like to place them in the Haymarket, on 9th Street from R to O, and on O Street from 9th to 11th. These banners will go up immediately following approval by this committee. They will be up for the duration of the football season.

Scheer asked if the banners will be the same size as all the other banners. Zimmer stated that they will.

Zimmer noted that the more turnover with the banner program, the better it is.

Sullivan stated that he feels the banners are okay.

Eckert moved approval of the application; seconded by Sullivan. Motion carried 4-0. Eckert, Scheer, Scholz and Sullivan voting ‘yes’; Kissel, Oforah and Todd absent.

Miscellaneous

Zimmer noted that the Downtown Master Plan received approval from the Planning Commission with very minor changes. It will be on the City Council agenda later this month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.